(b) whether it is also a fact that due to delay on the part of State Governments to release funds, the working of ESI Hospitals and Dispensaries have been badly affected;

(c) if so, whether the Central Government have contemplated any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The working of the ESI Scheme in the country is generally satisfactory. The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme rests on the State Govts. However, the expenditure on the ESI medical care in each State is shared by the ESI Corporation and the State Govt. in the agreed ratio of 7:1. As per agreement, the expenditure is initially borne by the State Govts. and thereafter it is reimbursed to the States by the ESIC on a quarterly basis. There have been complaints from the States that because of their financial constraints, they are not in a position to provide medicines and other facilities to the beneficiares timely. The matter has been looked into and in order to overcome this difficulty, the ESI Corporation has started releasing advance payment to the States.

Non-Receipt of PF Slips

1799. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers of M/s. Induchand Raggarhia & Sons (F) Ltd. Jhumri Tilaiya, Bihar have complained to the PF Commissioner Ranchi that they have not received PF slips since 1977.

(b) whether it is also a fact that employees of Premier Glass Industries Ltd., Jhumri Tilaiya have not received PF Slips since 1985;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the workers are facing great difficulties in drawing Provident Fund money due to this fact; and

(d) if so, what immediate steps Government are taking in the matter to redress the difficulties of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delay In Issuing Registration Certificates to Travel Agents

1800. SHRI BRAHAMDEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Registration certificates to the Travel Agents are unnecessarily delayed;

(b) what is the normal time for issuance of such certificates when all papers are completed;

(c) what are the reasons that the renewal of certificates is withheld for months together; and

(d) the details of such certificates and renewals pending at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) The registration certificates for recruitment of Indians for Overseas employment under the Emigration Act, 1983 are issued to the applicants in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Generally, such certificates are issued within one and a half month for completion of procedural requirements. The issue of registration certificates can get delayed if the information furnished by the applicants is incomplete